

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10th March 2025)

GREENFIELD AIRPORTS WITHIN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has undertaken any survey regarding status of airports within Tamil Nadu during the last five years and current year;
- (b) if so, detailed list of operational airports at present within Tamil Nadu;
- (c) list of airports proposed to be built, under construction/upgradation along with timeline proposed for their completion within Tamil Nadu;
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any survey of areas having high potential for airport infrastructure and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) amount of funds allocated and utilised for the purpose of said aviation projects; and
- (f) whether Government has set any target to setup greenfield airports within Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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(a) & (b): At present, there are six operational airports in Tamil Nadu, including three international airports at Chennai, Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli, one Customs Notified Airport at Madurai and two domestic airports at Salem and Tuticorin.

(c): Government of India (GoI) has formulated a Greenfield Airports (GFA) Policy, 2008 for development of new Greenfield airports in the country. As per the policy, if any Airport developer including the State Government desires to develop an airport, they are required to identify a suitable site and get the Prefeasibility study conducted for construction of airport and submit a proposal to the Central

Government for 'Site Clearance' followed by 'In-Principle' approval.

In August 2024, Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) granted Site Clearance approval for development of a Greenfield airport at Parandur, Kancheepuram District to the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited (TIDCO). Thereafter, application for grant of 'In Principle ' approval has been received from TIDCO.

In Tamil Nadu, AAI has undertaken modernization of Chennai Airport, construction of ATC tower cum technical block at Tiruchirappalli Airport and the development of a new terminal building along with the extension of the runway and allied works at Tuticorin Airport. The completion timeline for airport projects is dependent on multiple factors, including land acquisition, regulatory clearances, removal of obstacles, and financial closure by the respective airport developers.

(d) & (e): In September 2024, a multi-disciplinary team comprising officials from the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and TIDCO visited Hosur to conduct a pre-feasibility study of four sites for the development of a Greenfield Airport. The study report was shared with the State Government. However, no proposal under Greenfield Airports Policy has been received in MoCA for construction of a Greenfield Airport at Hosur.

(f): As mentioned in reply to part (c) above, an application for grant of 'In Principle ' approval to Greenfield airport at Parandur has been received from TIDCO. The responsibility of implementation of airport projects including financing rests with the concerned airport developer including Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the respective State Government (in case the State Government is the project proponent).
